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Green Bay Packers players will visit National Guard Challenge Academy

Members of the Green Bay Packers football team will visit the Challenge Academy at Fort McCoy on Thursday, May 6. Players will dine, mingle and participate in a question-and-answer session with the academy cadets.

The Challenge Academy is a Wisconsin National Guard program to re-shape the lives of 16-to-18-year-olds who are at risk as they enter adulthood. The program uses a structured, military-style environment to build cadets' self-confidence, leadership skills, and personal discipline. The curriculum also includes a formal character development program, health and drug abuse awareness instruction, leadership training, discipline and physical fitness.

The Green Bay Packers expected to make the visit (subject to change) are:

- Long snapper **Rob Davis**, #60, an eight-year NFL veteran with Green Bay's third-longest active streak of games played, 87 — behind only Brett Favre (175 games) and Ryan Longwell (96 games).
- Defensive tackle **James Lee**, #64, a fifth-round Packers' draft pick in 2003, from Oregon State.
- Guard/center **Grey Ruegamer**, #67, a four-year starter at Arizona State who played 33 games with the New England Patriots and signed with the Packers as a free agent in April 2003.
- Defensive end **Chukie Nwokorie**, #90, a six-season NFL player who spent nine years of his childhood in Nigeria and came to the Packers recently from the Indianapolis Colts.

After a common lunch, the players and the Challenge Academy cadets will move to the academy's auditorium for a half-hour Q&A session, followed by 45 minutes of informal meeting and greeting.

This event is not open to the public. News media representatives are invited to attend the Q&A and meet-and-greet sessions, starting at 12 Noon, May 6, at the Challenge Academy, Fort McCoy, Wis. Interview opportunities will be available at the end of the meet-and-greet session, before the players return to Green Bay.

To gain access to Fort McCoy and cover the event, please contact Peter Blum, 608-269-8040.

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